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Hopla, Ross —

Sorry for the delay. The deposition in which Banister lauds Ferrie is apparently at the office after all. We have a number of copies of it, so we should have no trouble (aside from time trouble) finding you one. It is sworn testimony taken from the Eastern Air Lines hearing in Miami (week of ~~May~~ July 15th, 1963) where Banister went with Ferrie and G. Wray Gill, Ferrie's lawyer (whom you will find most cooperative).

Here are a few other recollected items germane to your present inquiry. I do not have my index here to help me find the citations on short notice, but the following facts are either ~~officially~~ ~~[illegible]~~ taken from the Warren Commission volumes or from our witnesses, as indicated:

① Oreste Peña has stated to us that he ~~he~~ saw FBI Agent Warren de Brueys (one of the FBI's Latin specialists here) at meetings of the Cuban ~~Liberation~~ Democratic Revolutionary Democratic Front "at least fifty times." Also present at those meetings were Sergio Arcacha and David Ferrie, who ran the outfit with Arcacha. (This would be in 1961. You ~~may~~ should leave Peña's name out because he is cooperative in this regard — a rare thing. Of course, you may contact him — in fact you should, for followup as to FBI involvement with CLDF — whose headquarters during ~~[illegible]~~ the latter part of de Brueys' attached duty was 544 Camp).

② Just as de Brueys was assigned to the CLDF so FBI Agent Regis Kennedy appears to have been assigned to the "Friends of Democratic Cuba". This is the outfit which (and ~~[illegible]~~ Dean Andrews re "Clay Bertrand"!!)

operated out of the Balter Building & then out of the International Trade Mart (circa 1961, ~~[illegible]~~). Regis Kennedy was a good friend of Bill Dalzell, a member of the "Friends" group. Dalzell hung out at Guy Banister's office, was ~~also~~ a friend of Ferrie's. (Regis Kennedy was the FBI agent who questioned Ferrie, — after we had arrested him & called the FBI — about his trip to Houston to go ice-skating). "Friends of Democratic Cuba" is the organization which initiated a bid (~~so~~ which it never followed up) ~~[illegible]~~ for ten trucks in January 1961 — three months before the Bay of Pigs. This organization ~~[illegible]~~ made this offer in the name ~~of~~ Oswald (although Lee, himself, was still in Russia). The FBI obtained the bid sheet with ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ the name 'Oswald' on it on 11/25/63. (three days after President Kennedy's death). ~~[illegible]~~ This was never brought up before the Warren Commission, although it would seem to be a matter of some slight interest)

A source, consistently [illegible] [illegible] point of view, described this organization as "known to be a CIA operation". Kennedy is said to have attended meetings with Dalzell.

③ After Oswald was arrested & jailed at Municipal Court (August 9th), he immediately asked to see an F.B.I. Agent. The Agent who arrived spoke to all the principals to the fight — except Oswald — publicly. He met with Oswald privately. (For a quick confirmation you can call Carlos Bringuier).

④ ~~After~~ After Oswald moved to Dallas from New Orleans (late Sept, 1963), FBI Agent de Brueys was transferred to Dallas. ~~[illegible]~~ After Oswald was killed, de Brueys [illegible] back to New Orleans where he has remarried

⑤ In Dallas, (late '63) a woman named Mrs. Teofil Miller, became a friend of Marina's. On a visit to the Oswald ~~house~~ home she noted a copy of Karl Marx' "~~Das~~" Capital. She imme-~~diately~~ diately informed the FBI ~~and~~ there and was advised that Oswald was "all right." It is to be noted that this is in the face of his ~~[illegible]~~ florid history (See Whitewash II, p 45 et seq for detailed account). This witness appeared before the Warren Commission. Liebeler was assigned the job of questioning her and succeeded in dredging up the fact that Oswald beat his wife when she failed to keep the tub full. (Another ace Liebeler performance).

⑥ (Following is from Whitewash II, p. 49, & is also described in Inquest, p. 33 & 34:)

"... Chief Justice Warren & J. Lee Rankin ... met secretly with Texas Attorney General Waggoner Carr & Dallas D.A. Henry Wade. The Texas officials related a story alleging that Oswald had been working for the F.B.I. as an informant since September 1962; that Oswald was on the FBI payroll at $200 a month the day he was arrested; and that Oswald had been assigned an informant number, 179. The source of the story seemed to be Alonzo Hudkins, a Houston ~~[illegible]~~ newspaper reporter."

⑦ Finally, it is ~~[illegible]~~ worth noting that although the Director of the FBI (Hoover), the ~~[illegible]~~ Director of the CIA. (McCone) & the Deputy Director of the CIA (then Helms, who has since been made Director) were questioned before the Commission — They were never asked why the

Obviously, since these points have been in print before & they are hardly obscure) but I give them to you as background.

(* note: wrong picture was [illegible] before the assassination. The significance is that it was never corrected nor is it ever mentioned as being a problem of any kind.

Mexico City*, which wrong photograph the FBI ceremoniously presented to the Warren Commission. Rather than embarass these worthies, the Warren Commission has ~~[illegible]~~ immortalized the pictured stranger as "Commission Exhibit 237," ~~[illegible]~~ described (in the volume index) as "photograph of an unidentified man." (Consequently, the Cuban who was walking out of the Cuban Embassy with Oswald (in early October, 1963), cannot be examined by anyone. Since the next stop was Dallas, this ~~[illegible]~~ man's face would seem worthy of examination. ~~[illegible]~~ Oswald's unpictured companion was a Cuban who ~~[illegible]~~ was ~~[illegible]~~ previously in New Orleans with Oswald, who is obviously known to both the CIA & the FBI and who has been identified ~~by~~ to our satisfaction as having been working for ~~[illegible]~~ these agencies in New Orleans — in addition to his 1963 efforts — during preparation for the Bay of Pigs.*2 The Warren Commission settled for the picture of the "unidentified man" ______ and there is the story in a sentence!

Good luck —

JG

*2 and who — off the record — we have placed in Dallas with Oswald in November, under circumstances connecting ~~[illegible]~~ the Cuban with the assassination of the President. This is why I keep hitting at ~~[illegible]~~ the meaningfulness ~~of~~ the omission of his photograph.